



February 17, 2015

## Nutritionist Position

The WIC state office has re-posted the Nutrition Coordinator/Dietitian position. Please [review the announcement](#) and share far and wide.

## Reports Available

[Benefits Issued & Redeemed \(Dec 2014\)](#)

[Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Report \(Jan 2015\)](#)

## Montana Association of WIC Agencies (MAWA) Announcements:

MAWA is your organization. We invite all local agency staff to attend the MAWA General Meeting at the Spring WIC Conference in Helena. The general meeting will be held right after the last WIC session on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:15 to 6:15pm. Help us get "your organization" on track to meet your needs. See who gets a mini-grant, and who gets honored as Outstanding WIC Employee.

### ***Submit a Request for a MAWA Mini-Grant by March 17<sup>th</sup>:***

Do you have a fabulous idea to improve your WIC services that you have wanted to implement and \$300 would get you started? See [this application](#) for a MAWA Mini-grant for up to \$300. The completed application may be e-mailed to [gayle.esp@riverstonehealth.org](mailto:gayle.esp@riverstonehealth.org) or Faxed to 406-247-3340 by March 17<sup>th</sup>. (To be considered for a mini-grant, the local agency must have paid MAWA dues during the past year.) Please contact Gayle with any questions.

### ***MAWA Dues:***

MAWA membership, which gives your clinic access to applying for the MAWA mini-grants, are due this year by April 7<sup>th</sup>. Just one member from your staff, or all staff members, may join MAWA. The dues are \$15.00 per staff person. This is a cost that is allowed through your annual WIC Grant. MAWA will have a table at the State WIC conference, and you can pay your dues then, or use [this attachment](#) and send with your payment to Teresa Messerman.

### ***WIC Outstanding Employee Award:***

This is your chance to nominate someone in your agency who has made great contributions to your WIC Program and to WIC families. Complete [this nomination form](#), and e-mail it to [gayle.esp@riverstonehealth.org](mailto:gayle.esp@riverstonehealth.org) by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Nominees and the winner of the Outstanding Employee Award will be announced at the MAWA General Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, in Helena.

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## Loving Support Breastfeeding Training

The Butte-Silver Bow WIC Program is holding a Loving Support Training at [Fairmont Hot Springs](#) on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. This training is for Breastfeeding Peer Counselors, but we also encourage other WIC staff who need breastfeeding training to attend. This is a great course for breastfeeding basics.

Lori Stenson reports that the registrations are filling fast, so if you plan to attend, you need to get your registration in. Registration will end on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If staff from non-WIC programs would like to attend, check with Lori on space availability. View the training [agenda](#). Please contact Lori at [lstenson@mt.gov](mailto:lstenson@mt.gov) or 406-497-5061 to register. There are rooms available at the state rate on Wednesday, March 18th. To make a room reservation for the training, please contact Fairmont at 406-797-3241.

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## Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) Training in Montana

CLC training will be held in Butte, MT. The dates are August 3-7, 2015. View the [registration information](#). As a reminder, each local agency should have a designated Breastfeeding Coordinator who is an IBCLC or CLC. This is a great opportunity to ensure your Breastfeeding Coordinator meets this criteria.



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